

**State of Maine
Department of Education**

**Gifted and Talented Educational Program
Application for One-Year Waiver
2015-16**

Gifted and Talented Educational Program Waiver Applications are to be submitted electronically to GT.DOE@maine.gov by **September 30, 2015**.

Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A, Chapter 311, section 8101-A(3) states:

Waivers. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, a school administrative unit (SAU) that did not operate a gifted and talented program in the 2011-12 school year may apply to the Commissioner for a one-year waiver of this requirement if full implementation of this requirement presents an undue burden. The Commissioner may grant the SAU a waiver upon receipt of an application from the SAU that includes the basis for the waiver request. Financial hardship is one criterion the Commissioner must consider in determining whether to grant a waiver. The Commissioner has the authority to grant a one-year waiver to a SAU and a one-year waiver extension. Any additional request for extensions must be submitted and reviewed on an annual basis.

School administrative unit name:

West Bath School Administrative Unit

Name and title of person responsible for gifted and talented program:

Emily Thompson, Superintendent

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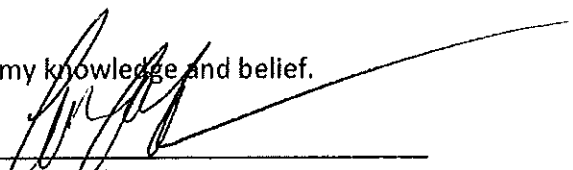
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CERTIFICATION:

The statements made herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Emily Thompson

Superintendent Name(printed)


Superintendent Signature

Date Waiver Application Submitted to Maine DOE:

9/8/15

Check Reason(s) for Waiver Request:

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Financial Hardship

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Other

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Partial Program Waiver Request

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Full Program Waiver Request

Please completely describe the basis for the SAU's one-year waiver request and further describe how the SAU is meeting the needs of the gifted and talented population in your district:

The West Bath School is a new school district, as we have just withdrawn from RSU 1. As part of RSU 1, students were provided with a weekly math GT group, a weekly reading GT group, and a weekly art group. We have hired an educational technician (III) to provide gifted and talented support for students for 40% of the week. However we would like to request a waiver for this year's application as we put together the formal program, as only 1 student remains in our building who was part of the GT program last year.

The identified student will continue to get the services that she has had in the past, but we feel that we have the opportunity to create a program over the course of the year that will be stronger and better, from the screening process through the depth of services to the individual learning plans. Additionally we anticipate that we'll be able to identify students in areas other than math and reading. While we could submit an application for this year based upon our prior programming, we would like to take the year to build our program and submit an application that we can support in it's entirety.

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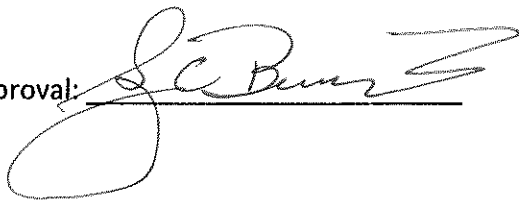
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